



Docket No.: 6388-0501-0

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

RE: Application Serial No.: 09/533,361  
Applicants: Beatrice TOUMI, et al.  
Filing Date: March 22, 2000  
For: TIGHTENING AGENT COMPRISING AT LEAST  
ONE GRAFTED SILICONE POLYMER  
Group Art Unit: 1617  
Examiner: Lauren Q. Wells

ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
RICHARD L. TREANOR  
(703) 412-6007  
RTREANOR@OBLON.COM

JEFFREY B. MCINTYRE  
(703) 413-3000  
JMCINTYRE@OBLON.COM  
\*BAR OTHER THAN VIRGINIA

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**REPLY BRIEF (In Triplicate); and  
REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING.**

Our credit card payment form in the amount of **\$290.00** is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,  
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

Norman H. Oblon

Richard L. Treanor

Registration No. 36,379

Customer Number

**22850**

(703) 413-3000 (phone)  
(703) 413-2220 (fax)

Jeffrey B. McIntyre

Registration No. 36,867